

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

President Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

Dino F. Bucci, Jr., President
Ann E. Klein, Vice-President, Excused
William J. Revoir, Secretary
Marvin E. Sauger, Sergeant at Arms
Phillip A. DiMaria, Excused
Anthony J. Lipinski, Excused
Timothy M. Malone
Robert M. Sawicki
Gene Schabath, (Rep. Mr. Marrocco)
Betty Slinde
Ruthie Stevenson

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Dave Humbyrd and Sharon Quinn of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Fran Parker referenced a newspaper article about the County Park closing and stated taxpayers should have a vote whether this park should be bought or sold since it was purchased through taxpayers dollars.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SCHABATH WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta commented he appeared before the Operational Services Committee and stated the Full Board will announce in the near future a cost figure for cutting back the Park's budget.

Commissioner Slinde complimented Mr. Casasanta on his presentation before the Operational Committee and felt that it went well. Commissioner Schabath stated he also received favorable comments on Mr. Casasanta's presentation at the Operational Committee meeting.

President Bucci thanked Commissioner Slinde for showing support at the Operational Committee and reverberated comments made by commissioners attributing Mr. Casasanta for doing more with less.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta commented a new bible study group is renting our facility on evening weekends through the first weekend in December and has circulated a mass mailing advertising their event.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

WRIF HarleyFest – June 14, 2008

Mr. Humbyrd stated the HarleyFest group wished to secure the date in 2008 for the 10th HarleyFest event and further stated the 2007 event was quite successful in raising over \$30,000 for the Rainbow Connection.

A short discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON WAS MADE APPROVING THE DATE OF JUNE 14, 2008 FOR HARLEYFEST EVENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Veterans Group 4th of July Picnic

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR WAS MADE APPROVING THE VETERANS GROUP PICNIC ON THE 4TH OF JULY. MOTION CARRIED.

A short discussion ensued.

OTHER

Commissioner Stevenson asked if the Park has considered giving a break on fees. President Bucci responded the Park Commission could consider fees on an event-by-event basis.

Mr. Meyerand stated that the Full Board is looking for a breakdown of costs on each event for consideration on future charges.

Mr. Meyerand asked for clarification on the HarleyFest motion if it was for approving their date and not on charges. Mr. Casasanta responded that the motion was for approving the date.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE PARK'S COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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